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## TURN AGAIN, NSW!

BLACKTOWN CITY supremo Peter Thorne yesterday blasted the NSW Soccer Federation for downgrading the job specification for executive director's position.

"While the NSW Rugby League has prospered under John Quayle and the Rugby Union has gone ahead under Ken Elphick, we learn through the press that we must have a person of lesser stature," he said.

"Just because someone who was stated to have the right qualities knocked the job back is no reason to drop the requirements."

Mr Thorne greeted the Board to secure an executive of high promotional ability, saying the game did not need someone who merely buried himself in everything about minor matters.

He was deeply critical of both the NSL and the NSW Federation.

"Our club is disillusioned that things that are expected to happen have not occurred."

"The Sydney City matter was a disaster. We could have bought out their club twice over, but it wasn't in our interests."

"In NSW the Federation is not picking up its game and its sponsor must be expecting a much more dynamic approach to the competition," he added.

## ABC-TV FA CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOU

ABC-TV, despite rumours to the contrary, will be bringing the full telecast of England's 1987 FA Cup final direct from Wembley Stadium.

Mr Jim Freeman, the ABC's sports editor, said last night: "Our network will continue coverage of the English FA Cup matches from this Thursday."

The FA Cup quarter finals will be shown from 10.30pm Thursday on TV 2, well-known See TV programme "Road To Wembley".

Full coverage of the



telecasts will also be covered by the ABC from the supporting Thursdays evenings, also at 10.30pm.

The 1987 FA Cup final will be televised live from Wembley on Saturday May 16 from 11.30pm.

At this stage, Peter Wykane will be the presenter and others are being made as busy Liverpool's Eric John was home to Australia to conduct the event.

## MARCONI, FREE SPENDERS?

TITTLE TATTLE to the effect that Marconi had blown out its budget to buy success was slammed by club chairman Tony Labbozzetta yesterday.

"We have done better than balanced our budget whilst gaining extra assets which include two National team strikers," he pointed out.

The income side is remarkable — if not absolutely brilliant. The Vardon tour netted \$40,000, the function to secure Ferrie \$20,000, Brown brought \$32,000 and Tredinnick \$21,000. TOTAL \$105,000.

Costs were Ferrie \$32,000, Maxwell \$25,000, Gomez \$21,000, McCulloch \$20,000, Persson \$3000. TOTAL \$101,000.

Judicious selling, a pre-season tour whilst others were asleep and the support of its big-hearted club were all hampered for top results.

BRAVO, MARCONI!

APIA-Leichhardt chairman Joe Prestia is facing the problem of his sporting life following the withdrawal of Sydney City.

BY KEITH OLMOUR

Italy's world-rated central striker Francesco Graziani is due to play the first of four guest games for the Marconi, starting with a match against the now defunct Stingers on June 28.

Graziani, with two World Cup campaigns and 40 internationals for Italy under his belt, would just about be the star attraction of the decade.

But now APIA has no

game and will have to go cap in hand to the NSL to see if, in some way, they can be bridged over until an alternative fixture.

Said Mr Prestia: "The whole situation is a sick joke."

"A bye is ridiculous — we must do something."

The following week APIA plays Sydney Crocodiles away.

Mr Prestia hopes that Sydney Crocs would be

prepared to believe the same in a position that would be greatly appreciated.

### Canuso's Views

Adelaide City's Charlie Canuso was yet another club chairman to express himself forcibly over the Sydney City debacle.

"The clubs must have a clear look at the possibility of action in this matter," he said.

"Budgets have been worked out including the

Sydney City issue. We know we do something we consider best for home grown."

Canuso pointed out that the interest in giving the 1987 League championship was bound up in a far degreded in Sydney City's interests in the allocated pools.

"Had they pulled out before the season — which all agree that they should have done despite the timing of their annual meeting — other clubs might have been inclined

# The Editor

**T**HE demise of Sydney City in its original form as sponsored by the Hakko Club Ltd on Sydney's Bondi Beach, has a sad ring about it.

This club began with a handful of Jewish migrants in the immediate pre-World War II period.

It proceeded inevitably from the Eastern Suburbs SFA to the Metropolitan Soccer League and then the NSW SFA B Division and moved into the NSW Federation as Hakko and Hakko-Eastern Suburbs.

The club's exploits in the NSW State League and the NSL have been well documented and speak volumes for the quality of its play.

When migration was at its height and newly arrived fans were jammed into the middle of Sydney, the crowds were there to support the club with its high standard of largely imported players.

But it is a long time since anything resembling crowds supported the club, apart from when visitors bring the following.

Arguments that the club was formed as a Sydney club have fallen on deaf ears and there will be a limited allocation of funds in future to cover an amateur presence.

Like its former great competitor Prague, it fell by the wayside under its present control because the attendances are not there to support it.

There seems little doubt that had enough people been interested to follow the team, the Hakko board would have felt justified in continuing with the semi-professional exercise.

But to put in \$200,000 a year for what amounts to very few spectators, to face up to \$200,000 and without question much more in the next few years is difficult to justify.

Yet, as previously observed, there will be more than a tinge of regret when they Hakko Club closes its door on a semi-professional Soccer presence.

There is no doubt that this foreseen change in club stance demonstrates that there are many more moves to take place in the not too distant future for Soccer to take its desired place in the hierarchy of Australian sport.

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**THERE** will be a deal of pleasure amongst Soccer supporters with the Commonwealth Government's decision to drop plans to merge the Special Broadcasting Service and the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the time being.

There is no doubt that the Government has realized that to continue with the combining of the organisations could lead to an electoral backlash.

If ever there was a time when government and opposition will bend to their perceptions of public wishes it is now.

The service given by SBS-TV in particular with local and overseas football has been a huge advantage to the code.

The Government however has reserved the right to review the position in the future and claims to be concerned over the increasing of the standard of transmission for the network.

SBS has expanded from a very small base to give cover to most of the major cities in the Commonwealth.

There is however the difficulty that so much of the country is not covered and that in the cities the signal does not reach enough viewers.

In spite of considerable opposition to the merger it is obvious that the major Soccer-loving communities would have some gains from a combined public broadcasting service.

In Soccer the migrant groupings which are interested in the game are often of insufficient size to be duplicated in country cities and towns.

Clubs there are largely on a community basis, and lack of country cover by SBS leaves them out in the cold along with the other Soccer-oriented people.

## Gomez Pays Up

BY FRANK COLETTA

## LIONS LAIR

**B**RISBANE Lions are ready to step back into the National League — and have been quick to point out to the Australian Soccer Federation and the West End NSL their "moral and legal right" to do so if a vacancy occurs.

Last week, within 24 hours of breaking off the alliance of Sydney City, Lions had issued a press release both to the ASF and the NSL, announcing their intention to step back into Australia's premier competition.

"Admittedly we have lost players from last year's side, but we also have considerable financial resources to call upon to buy others should we be re-admitted," Lions president John Morris said.

Lions last year finished 13th in the division but which decided the 14 teams in

the 1981 national competition. They have no doubt that should a vacant or near空缺, or anytime in the future, Lions should be the one given that option.

Despite losing three key players from last year — Danny Wright (to South Melbourne), John Stewart and Steve Jackson (both Preston) — Lions have dominated Queensland Soccer this season and are well on the way to winning the pre-season tournaments and in the League fixtures to date. The club has channeled all efforts towards winning the Queensland competition and gaining a place in the end-of-season play-offs to gain NSL promotion.



Whether Lions gain an instant promotion, or have to win their way back next season, one thing is for certain, the club's whole approach to competing in the

NSL will be different.

The club has learned valuable lessons from the 1978 entry of the Brisbane Roos and the amazing success story of the Brisbane Bullets in the National Basketball League.

When Lions return to the NSL, it will be more as a Queensland entry rather than as a club identity. A name change could even be floated with the Bears-rejoined "Northern Raiders" gaining popular support.

Matches are likely to be played at the central Perry Park, Queensland Soccer headquarters, rather than at Lions' own stadium in the far western suburbs.

Lions may also seek to invite the Queensland Soccer Federation and many of its leading clubs to ensure the resources of the whole of Queensland are behind the team.

"A lot of things are only ideas at this stage. But if we are to return to the NSL, it won't be as we were in the last few years. We must be a successful operation on and off the field and we must be a team and an organization which captures the imagination of every Queensland sporting fan and not just Lions supporters," Ondendyk said.

GREG RIVERSIDE

## SPARKLING \$5 MILL. BRANDON PARK AVAILABLE TO WOLLONGONG WOLVES

A PHIL BREWSTER SPECIAL

**B**RANDON PARK is one very good reason why Wollongong must get back in to the National Soccer League — the \$5 million stadium being built five kilometres from the city centre is seen as the perfect home for Soccer.

Stage one of the project, costing \$1.5m, is to be completed shortly and the complex will be fully completed by 1983.

Soccer will be played there regularly before that date and it is envisaged the first game will kick-off as early as April next year.

It will be a one-off Bicentenary event as part of the Program of Nations.

The Brandon Park project has been discussed by authorities and it hasn't just involved the council, which has been promised by Federal and State Governments as well as Wollongong City Council.

Shoalhaven Shire says by league with very indignantly goes to build the complex in their home ground, but the State Government made it clear no one organisation would be taking it over.

The Shire has made a strong push to develop Wollongong Showground — present home ground of the Shearers and the Wollongong City Soccer Club.

The Shearers' board have had lengthy

negotiations with NSW Lands Minister Jack Hallan and already have made drastic changes to the ground with the help of local earthmoving contractors.

This has given the Showground a football but Rugby League is unlikely to return to after a long period due to grassroots to the changing needs.

It is one of the most popular parks of red earth in Illawarra, located right on the beachfront and almost adjacent to the shopping centre.

At Brandon Park stage one of the development has seen the construction of the grand stand's steel frame, concrete seating and the roof.

When completed the grandstand will have seating for 3000 people, 14

private boxes, bars, disabled access, function rooms and press box.

There will be parking for about 2000 cars with adjacent training grounds.

At Wollongong Showground, members have always prepared the ground for rugby league and the long grass does not produce skinned bodies.

If both sides consulted, a share Brandon Park this problem will not arise.

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## TERRY SMITH ONCE MORE?



KEVIN HAGAN has signed in Australia with a NSW trial reminder of an old rival TERESA SMITH.

That's the big news. The New Zealand international received his transfer at the new Devonport Victoria Stadium — Robbie Thompson, who had signed it his ninth only a couple of weeks ago, has to complete the signing because he was his former mate.

"He is like Terry in so many ways. He is good and committed to the ball and he could well prove to push past the way 'Terry' used to do it easily," stated Thomas.

Hagan's debut for City was against Sydney Olympia at the St George Stadium in which he passed a brilliant ball in the final match.

On the strength of his performance against the likes of David Basile and Tony Doherty, Hagan will have no trouble getting himself up with another club and already Wellington City in the NSW State League has approached him along with St George in the NPL.

FRANK COLETTA

## JOY OVER WEST END LEAGUE



**M**ARCONI's suspended central defender GERRY GOMEZ has suffered doubly for his misdemeanours in the WNSL's first round.

Gomez is still being reprimanded was sent off against Brunswick in Marconi's 2-1 defeat after two bookings earlier and he not only has to serve a one game suspension but was also be with a heavy fine by coach Roberta Vane.

There was very disappointment but only with the Marconi match but with the whole line-up.

Marconi, Len Oates, as they were again against St George on Sunday, the Fullenders showed some of the form that had everyone calling about them as potential premiers.

His other big-name buys Frank Farina and Steve Maxwell have worked hard at getting a partnership going but it seems time requires an instant will be the only answer — there can be no miracle here!

# A Former Great Wraps Franken

THE EYES of former Socceroo goalkeeper RON CORRY shone when he spoke of Sydney Crocilla's young custodian ANTHONY FRANKEN.

"In two years Franken will be without doubt the best in Australia. The Socceroo shirt will be his."

"He is that good," he claimed.

High praise indeed, but not quite as substantial support from others who have followed the 21-year-old's progress at the Australian team, myself included.

Apart from Tony Grealy and Jeff Glazebrook none is better than Franken.

This exciting prospect, with time on his hands, has come to prominence in the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico.

Prior to those trials, he was in fact only unknown to Chris Thomas, but when Thomas was injured Franken was given a chance to prove his stuff in a warm-up match and he never looked back.

Lee Schenning started him in every match and he was brilliant.

Henceforth it was into the Canberra City side and his performances did much to help the team from the capital establish themselves in the top division National League.

But note this is different to the WENDOL and Anthony is playing in a Sydney Crocilla team that was more than competitive before he arrived. Since then the team has gained another used to see the already outstanding take.

Franken has no illusions about the differences from Canberra or Crocilla. "It is easier to be involved in a team that is so good. To win the way we have been is all the better."

And Corry continued. "He is the best young keeper around by a mile. He is consistently good where others have a good day and a better the next."

ASW's own Miles Johnson also believes Franken has just a little way to go yet before he establishes himself as another one.



ANTHONY FRANKEN in action for Australia against Nottingham Forest.

"Franken is a good keeper no doubt. He is good on shots but still not so smart on crosses. However he punches too many crosses when he should catch them."

"I suppose that is why he is still warming on a bench up in the national team rather than being number one. He is young and time is on his side," says Johnson.

At the moment Australia's keepers are a similar breed but Franken is one-out-of-the-box, a real free-thinking bird.

I remember one test he made for Canberra against APIA last year when Jim Thompson was marked inside the six yard box and punched out a cross with a powerful header, sending it toward Franken joined on his goal line. The keeper's reaction was extremely striking as he dove backwards and seemed to think the ball would hit him.

Time will tell whether this sort of move will see him finally grab the Australian start for keeps.

—FRANK COLETTA

## MELBOURNE — ADELAIDE OPENERS TOMORROW FOR BEACH FASHIONS CUP

HINDMARSH Stadium Adelaide and Olympic Park Melbourne are the venues for tomorrow (Wednesday) night's opening of the Beach Fashions Cup.

BY  
RONNIE  
GRUCCIO

Adelaide City open the competition tomorrow to down Sunshine Coast, but the two Melbourne teams event to close ranks.

Brunswick Frenzies has Basso on the side in the battle with Melbourne Crocilla, but the others are represented as tag-teams.

Preston and Essendon have already reached blows in the League first round for a winning draw.



OSCAR CROTTI

Oscar Crotti has been waiting for his clearance from Crotti. If the matter is settled he will leave Brunswick quite a bust.

The Cup begins in a



TONY DORAZIO

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Anzio City v Sunshine Coast 6pm Hindmarsh Stadium, Brunswick. Juventus v Melbourne Crocilla 6.30pm Olympic Park. Footscray v Preston Marconi 6.30pm Olympic Park.

APRIL 14, 1987  
Marconi v Sydney City 7.30pm Marconi Stadium.

APRIL 15, 1987  
Sydney Crocilla v APIA-Leichhardt 7.30pm Croatian Sports Centre. Sydney Olympic v St George BSC 7.30pm St George Stadium.

APRIL 16, 1987  
YES, South Melbourne, Heslopberg United.

Further rounds in the Beach Fashions Cup will be played on successive Wednesdays with the final being played at the end of May on a home-and-away basis.

## TONY IS WANTED!

ASTON VILLA boss BILLY McNEILL has issued a 'hands off' warning to clubs chasing his England Under-21 full-back TONY DORIGO.

One Australian club, Carlton, has been approached with offers but McNeill insists: "Because we were prepared to change Tony for Carlton's DAVID SPEDDING, people now expect him to sign for Carlton. This is not the case."

"There are over a few players I would swap him for and they are not available."

Young Dorigo will in fact be on his way back home to Australia once the end of the English First Division for a trial, in June, with the old club, Adelaide City.

In step with the block and which should be the about four weeks, the in fact wanted to play for overseas when he was in

## THE SOCCEROOS TO FACE USA

THEIR is a distinct possibility that the Australian Socceroos could take on the USA during the President's Cup series to be held in Korea during June.

It was announced last week that the US had been accepted as a participant in the series which also includes Egypt, Morocco, Kuwait, Argentina and Chile.

Korea's Soccer officials also announced that there will be two other leading soccer players in the tournament, and the full list will be announced this week, possibly tomorrow.

—F.C.

## THE MOST

WHO are and have been the longest serving players in the NSL since its inception in 1977?

BELOW ASW gives the identities for the top ten in no particular order...

## TOP 10

SUNNY MUSKINHOUS (Ad City)  
FRANK PHILPOTT (Ad City)  
ALAN REYN (Ad City)  
JIM MITCHELL (Ad City)  
MURRAY BAINES (Ad City)  
STEVE O'CONNOR (Soc City)  
BRIAN HUNTERMAN (Ad City)  
MARK JANKOVICH (Marconi)  
DAVID LUC (Fresbys)  
TOM COLETTA (Ad City)



STEVE O'CONNOR

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# The Victorian Newsreel

## GOCE DIMOVSKI TO REPLACE ALEX DICK

**PRESTON** Macedonians has shelved plan to buy last year's Rothmans Gold Medal winner Alex Dick from Frankston Pines — at least for the time being.

BY GREG BLAKE

Dick had signed a contract with Preston after pre-season work and some positive games with the club and Macedonians pressed on with negotiations with Dick's State League team Frankston Pines.

But on the eve of the new season Frankston Pines withdrew its offer for Dick to train with Macedonians after the latter again refused to pay the \$4,000 transfer fee established by the VFA tribunal last month.

Macedonians president John Beamer said his club was not prepared to pay \$4,000 for a player from the State League.

Preston is now free to pursue its interest in striker Goce Dimovski from Vardar Skopje.

### Sackings

Preston might well end the day it sacked both Gary Cole and Graham Hayes.

In the light of their parlous first up effort against Portsea JUSt, Preston must be crying out for a series of proven quality.

The loss of Steve Lane to Juventus was serious enough and to virtually sink Hayes and Cole.



GARY COLE

### Hendo

For all its stars new and old Marconi veteran Tony Henderson is sick that club's best player according to 1987 first up opponents Brunswick Juventus.

### Berger's Changes

Retiring former South Melbourne and Preston star Doug Brown has been officially transferred back by his current club Heidelberg.

The club was apparently not satisfied with his recent performances and will have to say offers for the former VFL top scorer.

South Pines of Melbourne State League club Queen City is likely to sign with Heidelberg any day now and is reported to be called into the strongest line-up.

### No Swap

Melbourne Crocs, ending by its first round defeat in Sydney, has had another bid to grab Preston's transplanted Graeme Hayes rejected.

Crocs negotiated both a straight transfer and a swap deal that would have taken Andy Humble or Chester Reserve.

Melbourne Crocs has had further bad news with midfielder Tony Campbell having suffered a shoulder injury in a motorcar accident.

### Consolation

Ian Wallace, the former million pound Nottingham Forest star, was one of Melbourne Crocs' best players in 1987 first up.

Crocs' few good players in this new club's best game 3-1 thrashing at the hands of Sydney Crocs.

And despite the criticism of the first-up defeat Wallace had some words of consolation for Melbourne Crocs' supporters.

"The kids were shell-shocked after the game, but they'll get over it," he said.

"There is no place in living to get you down and I hope what I've said I don't think we'll have a problem with success."

"They're a spoilt bunch of kids and they'll recover quickly," Wallace said and he has been impressed and surprised with what he has seen of Australian Soccer so far.

### Mistake

Juventus coach Len McKendry rarely makes mistakes but in letting defender Eddie Campbell go to Footscray JUST recently he just might be seen to have made a poor decision.

With Eddie's instant popularity sailing as easily as the full-back position at Juventus, McKendry couldn't find a place for Campbell despite that player having been an almost ever-present for the previous two years at Juve.

In his first up game for the Blues Campbell was

outstanding and his coming with Tyrone James will give Footscray some much-needed backbone for the long campaign ahead.

### Deankovic

Former Melbourne Crocs skipper Drago Deankovic is set to return to Melbourne football but not with the club he served so well for nearly five years.

Deankovic has been invited back from Yugoslavia by Carlton's long time coach, Peter JUSt and the Croatian master isn't pleased.

As Melbourne Crocs cracked down the league last year Deankovic walked out on the club midway through his first year and since has apparently been training and playing with Yugoslav club Osijek.

Melbourne Crocs, backed by the VFL, believe Deankovic hasn't obtained a clearance to play anywhere but with Crocs and if he returns to Melbourne he will still be the property of that club.

"But we will entertain offers for him from other clubs if he does return," said a Melbourne Crocs spokesman.

Meanwhile Footscray JUST is going ahead with making travel arrangements for the player and believe they will only have to negotiate a clearance from Osijek.

## HOW GREEN IS MY GULLY

WITH the season only five rounds old, The Victorian State League ladder is taking shape with Green Gully setting the pace.

This week Gully takes on the impetuous Hawks in what looks like a desperate match for both teams. Neither side has impressed to date and neither can afford to let the rest of the competition get too far ahead. Northcote plays well at home and this advantage may give the side both points.

Oakleigh meets fellow Green Gully in home and away fixtures at this stage, to justify both points.

St Albans' string start to 1987 should continue when it takes on Frankston Pines and Broadmeadows who play host to Caulfield will do well if they can save a point.

Thorntown seems to be doing something right as the side keeps picking up points and staying amongst the leaders. Even though the side hasn't put away many goals I feel the Italian backed team from Melbourne will be lucky enough to beat the Italian backed side from Morwell.

— PHIL DIAMATARI

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### VSL TOPSCORERS

TUCK (Western Suburbs)	5
WARSAW (JU) (Pines)	5
MORVING (St Albans)	5
PRAEDIOLOADE (Broadmeadows)	3
BITSON (Caulfield)	3
ZEMUNAC (Green Gully)	3
MURKIE (St Albans)	3

## PUMA AND ALLISON SPORTS SPONSOR TOP SCORER

ALLISON SPORTS together with PUMA are sponsoring this season's top scorer award.

The Victorian State League player who heads the scorer's list at the end of the season will receive a "PUMA PACK" which includes boots, tracksuit and bag valued at approximately \$250.

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JUVE captain Kick di Martino receives his winner's medal from ASW chairman Roy Stoverman (left) and Cascade's marketing manager, Mr Ron Troxell — Photo Walter Pappa.



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## CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

### WALLACE WARMS TO THE TASK

SUNDAY March 26 was a warm day indeed and for IAN WALLACE, making his debut for Melbourne Croatia against their Sydney counterparts, things were certainly hot for him out on the park.

Following his introduction into Australia's National Soccer League and after just three days in the country and one training session, Wallace was dropped in the Croatian Sports Centre dressing room having a knock on the left ankle courtesy of his a summarizer of the year 10 minutes — Gary Vassena.

The 19-Wollongong central defender

ADELAIDE CITY centre back Neville Flounders retained his humor following a nasty cycling accident which left him with shaking abrasions, concussion and an injured shoulder.

Aided on a radio interview if he would be playing in the opening round he said: "No".

Why? "For four reasons, my wife, my doctor, the coach and my body."

WOLLONGONG CITY has another five matches to be played on Saturday night at the Wollongong Showground, with main game 7.30pm kick-offs and early games at 5.45pm. They are April 18 v Canberra, May 2 v Newcastle, June 13 v Uruguay, August 18 v Melita and August 29 v Inter Monaro.

WOLLONGONG City have signed Zdravko Hrdzic to from APFA, winning a battle with neighbours Wollongong Macedonia for his signature.

It is a minor move for Hrdzic who left the Wolves with Alex Rundell to APFA at the end of the 1985 season.

Hopefully he made his return to his old club against Macedonia in a 1-1 draw but it wasn't a memorable game for him.

The strong midfielder took a hand in his team's goal but slipped out of touch and was replaced near the end.

Couch John Fleming said he is sure Hrdzic will be a big asset to the team as the season goes on.

"You can't expect a player to fit straight in to a team as no first choice. Hrdzic didn't even have the benefit of a trial match with us," Fleming said.

With an in-form Hrdzic and the talents of Scott Dickson available now Fleming has a bit of depth to work with.

Dickson, who missed last season with a knee injury, has been coming along nicely in the reserve team and reports no effects from the injury.

WHITE GA and Vic fans are delighted with the radio commercial page drawing attention to the West End National League. They have one complaint.

Why are Sydney players the only ones named?

Well, you can't please everyone.

The clash between Newcastle and Wollongong City in the NSW State Bank League will see the goals tallied and the winner taking the Steel Cleat Cup, which was donated by NSW Steel for annual tournaments. Two grades are involved in the results.

FRANK VALENTIC is already at the stage of moving into the Melbourne Croatia midfield. A 17-year-old schoolboy who is taking his HSC year, he represented Victoria from under 13 to 16 junior grades.

ROBBIE SLATER is finding that the jambalaya of service being provided from the back and the exhortation from fellow Sydney Croatia forward Mario Lanzini and Graham Arnold is working wonders. "The setting here is so good that it is no wonder that players like Jimmy Patras and Graham Arnold have recalled the heights," he said.

BY FRANK COLETTA

deserved his spot. Andrew Kneebone's introduction to the letterhead and gave the former Scottish international little of any breathing room.

Despite making things difficult for Wallace, Victoria was unable to stop the Victorian attack showing some of its usual form and many of his touches were quite exceptional.

The shots on goal were low and the finishing, something that doesn't surprise where his team was flagged 6-1, but he did manage to bring the best out of young Anthony Franklin with an innovative vital five metres from goal in the second half.

Said Wallace: "It was pretty warm out there but it didn't worry me that much. I thought I stood up quite well considering this was my first match in four months."

The words of praise for the powerful Victoria were short and to the point. "He was good. But just the same we're a team didn't play well in our first outing and were beaten by a simply better team on the day."

He did not dwell on the poor start by his side. "We shall get better, we can't play any worse."

And as for their match against Broadmeadow, Victoria played on Sunday ...



Neville Flounders

### 'DOUG' UTJESEROVICH v. GREG BYLES

IN 1977 St George was the NSW grand final winner — and what a team they possessed. Pushing hard was Western Suburbs — quite a bright star in the Soccer Tournament, BUT it seemed to go beyond its resources and crowd drawing potential and the Western Suburbs Soccer Club vanished from the senior scene. Perhaps there are those presently connected with the club who would again move to bring it back out of obscurity.

But in our picture are two highly skilled practitioners of their day. At left St George's brilliant defender Utjesenovic swoops in to challenge Byles. Utjesenovic, Yugoslav-born, played 34 full internationals for Australia and another 25 times in other international passes.

Byles, originally a Bankstown youngster, was also clever on the ball and not far out of the Australian selection. Thoroughly enjoying his game, he continued on playing and coaching and many up-and-coming players learnt a lot from him.

He is a solicitor by profession in Sydney.



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# ST GEORGE'S AROK IN CHASE FOR CITY STARS

FRANK AROK, St George Budapest's manager has a bag of headaches to cure before next Friday night when his men face the visiting Melbourne Croatia at the St George Stadium.

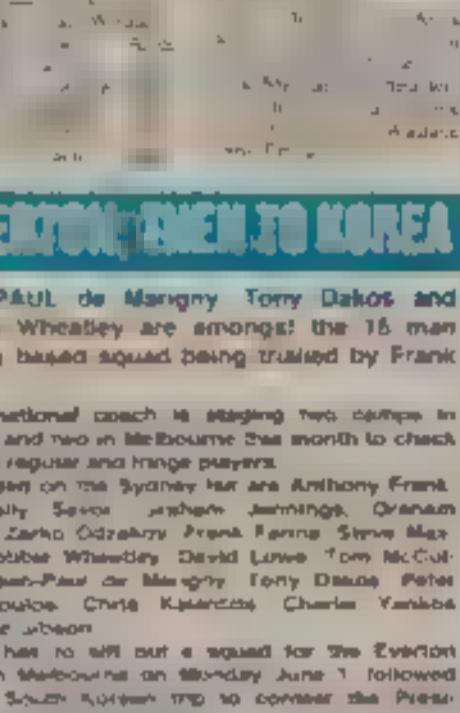
BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The kick off time has been brought forward from 8pm to 7.15pm to be in line with the 7pm start of the Hungarian Cup final between MTK and Ferencvaros. The two sides will be playing in the same stadium.

With a little bit of luck Arok will strike some opposition that he will relish in the run towards the 1988 Olympic Games.

Mr Emery added that South Korea is paying air fares and accommodation for a party of 22 which includes a referee.

The tournament winner collects a cool \$A\$50,000, with \$A\$25,000 for the runner up.



Check-in - Jean Paul De Marigny (left) and Robbie Wheatley.

## EVERTON TRAVEL TO KOREA

JEAN PAUL de Marigny, Tony Dakos and Robbie Wheatley are amongst the 16-man Sydney based squad being trained by Frank Arok.

The national coach is staging two camps in Sydney and two in Melbourne this month to check over his regular and fringe players.

Included on the Sydney list are Anthony Frank, Ian Walker, Sean Andrew Jennings, Graham Arnold, Zarko Odzakovic, Frank Parra, Steve Maxwell, Robbie Wheatley, David Lowe, Tom McCullough, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Tony Dakos, Peter Kakopoulis, Chris Kyriacos, Charlie Yankos and Mike Wilson.

Arok has to sift out a squad for the Everton game in Melbourne on Monday June 1 followed by the South Korean trip to cover the President's Cup from June 7-11.

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# SBS-TV FLOODS VIEWERS WITH TOP SOCCER

SBS-TV is making sure that Soccer fans are more than well looked after as the Soccer Network brings in a flood of programmes for the viewers.

## Match of the Day

As the best season of football ever, SBS-TV is giving the game the coverage it deserves. Every Saturday afternoon, from 3pm to 5pm, the Match of the Day will be shown live from the West End Soccer League. The match will be followed by a half hour discussion programme, 'Match of the Day' which will feature the latest news and analysis from the world of football. The programme will be presented by a team of experts, including former players and coaches, who will provide a comprehensive review of the day's fixtures.

JOHNNY WARREN



## On the Ball

Every Saturday afternoon, On The Ball will be screened, a programme which previews the weekend's fixtures coming up.

Panel discussion on the weekend's fixtures, featuring former players and coaches, and a look at the latest news and analysis from the world of football.

## Sport Report - Soccer

This programme is screened every Monday night at 8.30pm. It is a review of the week-end's fixtures and is presented by Les Murray.

Five up-to-the-minute programmes will follow the main review, including a look at the latest news and analysis from the world of football.

## World Soccer

Saturday afternoon at 5.30pm, this very popular programme goes to air as the Channel 7 screen shows off international matches.

## Beach Fashions Cup

From Sunday April 17 at 11.30am, the AFL's Beach Fashions Cup will be brought to the screen in which 16 teams compete over eight weeks for a large cash prize plus the Cup which is sponsored by swimwear manufacturer Beach Fashions.

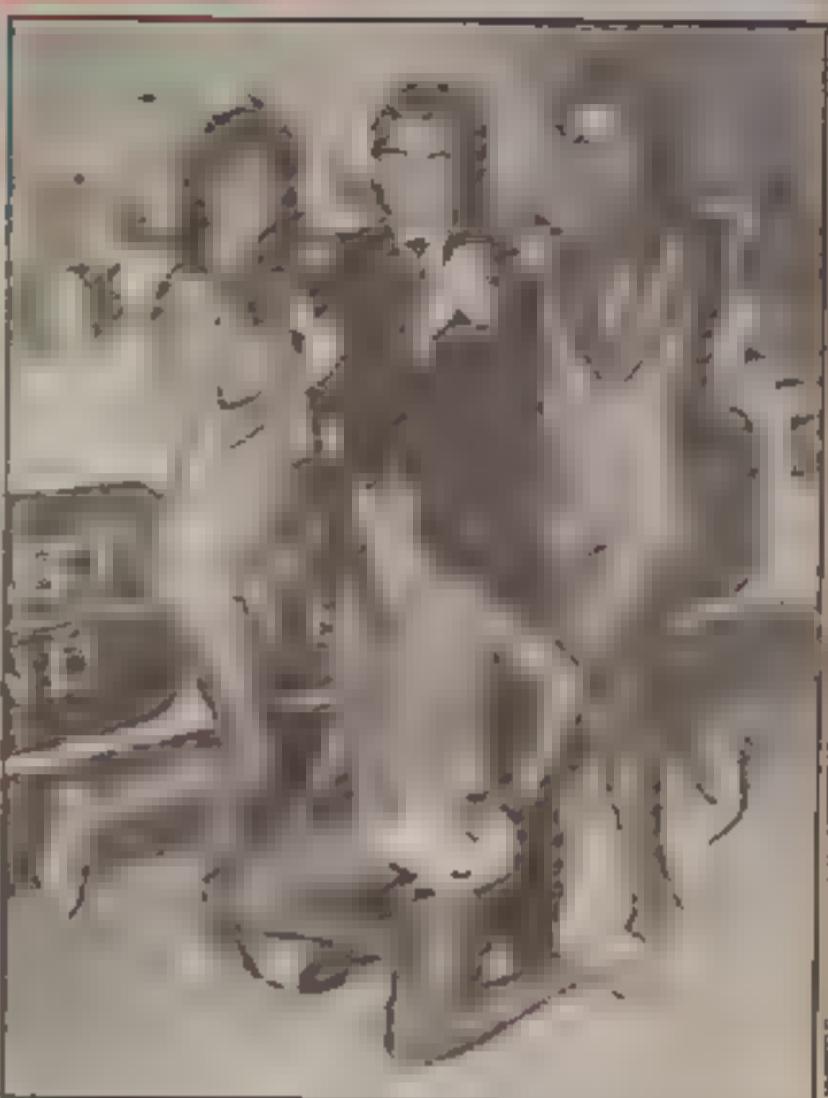
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# WEST END LOVELIES



SBS-TV top Soccer presenter Les Murray smiles as he samples the West End bikini. No wonder his guests on the day are beauties Karen Orrford, Tracey Blair (who has gone down on her knees!) and Thaneen O'Kane.

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Saturday 12.00pm

## WORLD SOCCER

Saturday 5.30pm

## BEACH FASHIONS CUP

Sunday 11.30am

## WEST END SOCCER LEAGUE MATCH OF THE DAY

Sunday 4.30pm

Match of the Day: West End Soccer League vs. West End Soccer League

## SPORT REPORT

Monday 8.30pm

A comprehensive review of Sunday's West End Soccer League fixtures. The West End Soccer League is the largest amateur soccer league in Australia.



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# BACK CHAT

with

Frank Coletta



SUDDENLY we hear that Rugby League is calling for a system to prevent their current spate of disengagement from the field.

Well some of the league people including Australian coach Don Farmer, suggests that a card system - as used in our own game - should be introduced.

I don't think the league quite understands the principle of the card system used in Soccer. In their game they have what's known as the sin-bin and that is supposed to be used in the same way as a yellow card booking in Soccer. Introducing cards is not going to help them but it's interesting that they want to use one of our ideas.

Thanks for the compliment.

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I It may have interpreted the previous both as important of a finished system? I well that there is a lack of such.

The league has done well to promote the talents of Wendy Peetree, a player of the highest ability in their game through her position as development officer. It is high time that the soccer leaders do the same in ours other than Eddie Thomas and do the same with our most marketable product - Frank Farmer.

Now Farmer, Frank has always good looks and is well spoken. The local media needed to relate to management.

I could think of no better person to project than Frank Farmer, independently the most exciting arrival in Australian Soccer.

He is active, dynamic, well - both on and off the field. With his vast positive self-image would be crucial to promotion from throughout schools in the area. And so we all live.

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The SFA should start on a basis of equality for Australian Soccer. There were too backwards, old school and conservative for a successful career.

With the setting of the lottery, top a man has already been selected as the embodiment of the national competition.

The national team at the MSL function - destined by those supporters and media players - were finally honoured after being dropped by the National Cup and the National League. Not why take the easy way out by bringing in a bye?

Where's the leadership that made us look forward to a truly modern and better game?

Why not bring to the Brisbane Civic and Hotel the representatives of the more developed?

The experts would say "why would the mighty swallow its own egg?" The SFA would have picked them up regardless of their national problems.

Personally, you can't win a game over your own members, and when do anything bad replace them with a bye.

If that could not be done then why wasn't Harry Kinsella (and others) offered another chance?

And if replacement cannot carry on the race?

Another nutty answer that they were offered all the players with one exception for SFA HQ.

If this fails again to impress the management with their worthiness of the job, then why not do it without the need for further selection?

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**SECRETARIAL** Much discussion has an interesting subject resulted from Eddie's (Frank Farmer) article in the early future.

The year ahead is young, he chose a period of which he was secretary to the then newly formed State amateur B Division so a further club was needed to complete the City division. Eddie?

Frank was the obvious choice to become President of the City. Now only the full race has been run.

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AN ADD TO THE: Starting this week the regular Friday Association games will be held at Bondi Oval. The series of matches will be a good nucleus to the big season to come in the FA on Bondi that who has held back a little bit enough.

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TIME AGAIN for the SBL pick of the week. On Friday night at the M. Olympic Stadium the SAINTS tackle the来访的 MELBOURNE CROATIA who will have to fight on their way against a team that is decidedly shaky but won't give up easily. The tipping the SBL picks for Friday night's game:

**FOOTBALLER** (from bottom) as the Soccer Doctor said the locals should be interested in the game.

As the Doctor said - a rampant MELBOURNE CROATIA with the goals already being scored, goals 1-2, 3-0, 4-1, 5-2, 6-3, 7-4, 8-5, 9-6, 10-7, 11-8, 12-9, 13-10, 14-11, 15-12, 16-13, 17-14, 18-15, 19-16, 20-17, 21-18, 22-19, 23-20, 24-21, 25-22, 26-23, 27-24, 28-25, 29-26, 30-27, 31-28, 32-29, 33-30, 34-31, 35-32, 36-33, 37-34, 38-35, 39-36, 40-37, 41-38, 42-39, 43-40, 44-41, 45-42, 46-43, 47-44, 48-45, 49-46, 50-47, 51-48, 52-49, 53-50, 54-51, 55-52, 56-53, 57-54, 58-55, 59-56, 60-57, 61-58, 62-59, 63-60, 64-61, 65-62, 66-63, 67-64, 68-65, 69-66, 70-67, 71-68, 72-69, 73-70, 74-71, 75-72, 76-73, 77-74, 78-75, 79-76, 80-77, 81-78, 82-79, 83-80, 84-81, 85-82, 86-83, 87-84, 88-85, 89-86, 90-87, 91-88, 92-89, 93-90, 94-91, 95-92, 96-93, 97-94, 98-95, 99-96, 100-97, 101-98, 102-99, 103-100, 104-101, 105-102, 106-103, 107-104, 108-105, 109-106, 110-107, 111-108, 112-109, 113-110, 114-111, 115-112, 116-113, 117-114, 118-115, 119-116, 120-117, 121-118, 122-119, 123-120, 124-121, 125-122, 126-123, 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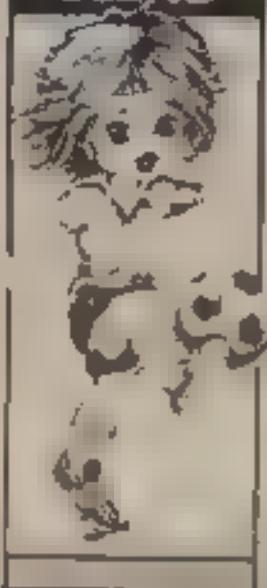


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## WOMEN'S 'SOCCER' SCENE



## AMATEURS' ROLE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE largest numbers of women's Soccer players in Sydney — far and away the main centre for women players right throughout Australia — are in the ranks of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

A NSW Amateur Federation official notes in the increasing number of women and girls playing the code in club associations as Campbelltown, Bankstown, St Peters, with Southern and Eastern Suburbs, Manly-Woolstonecraft, and

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## ADVICE TO NEW U7/8 COACHES

**Robert Forrai** writes . . .

On my recent visits to U7/U8 games, I was pleased to see that the enthusiasm among players, coaches and friends is not fading!

Unfortunately, I noticed a certain percentage of team leaders in this age group coaches

wrongly assign two defenders to guard the goal area during the whole game (see Fig's 3 & 2-1).

Landfield players, it is important.

Nevertheless, most coaches are designed to give all six players the opportunity to get fully involved in the game. Since there is no "points" competition, winning is not the main object.

So why is the Fig. 1 formation incorrect?

1. We are giving a two-man advantage to the opposition over more than 75% of the field. My last time, the three Landfield forwards are re-

handed trying to take on the opposition, while the two defenders have hardly touched the ball.

2. Being away from "where the action is", the two defenders get totally bored, since they are mentally and physically disconnected from the game. They think the coach's view, get in each other's way, talk and fight with each other — just to keep themselves occupied and warm.

3. Because of the long space in the middle of the

playing field, the opposition has plenty of time and room to control the ball, pass or shoot — our forwards are too far for the word and our backs are too far back to know them.

4. I realize that the outside rule does not apply in U7/U8 matches, but what about when they come U9? If they play as they have been taught, staying back close to the goal, they will keep the opposition inside all the time!

My advice is to assign one player with (allowing weekly) to act as a leader in support of the goals. He should be no more than five metres behind the closest opponent, moving back and forth, left and right, as required. The other players should be encouraged to cover back and help, when needed.

Use parts of your training sessions for three-sided games, stop and show them the best basic fundamentals:

- when one of our players has the ball, the other seven members should get away into empty space and demand a pass;
- when the opposition has the ball, only ONE of our players should tackle him, and **ONE OTHER** should back him up, in case the back is not successful;
- the player who is in possession of the ball should look up quickly, before deciding whether to dribble, pass or shoot — **PREDICTED** to have the time;
- the player assigned as defender should follow the pass no more than five metres behind the last opposition player and be ready for quick action. The urban, however, can help when needed.

I realize that teaching these fundamentals will not be easy but, in the long run, it will be worth it. **REMEMBER**, it does not matter if the opposition scores a goal — by involving ALL players, you have a chance to score more than they do!

R. Forrai (Coach-East-Field Soccer Club)

## SOCCER — STILL THE BEST GAME BY A MILE!

SOCCER is the big football code enjoyed by countless thousands of schoolboys, juniors, amateurs and semi-professionals right across Australia.

In NSW, Queensland and ACT in particular, the junior Soccer movement is a tremendous organisation, providing safe, exciting sport with a minimum of injuries.

Soccer was first to codify mid-game rules, giving the youngster modified rules at his own level. Rules are adjusted as the kid grows up.

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Soccer football is manly. It is a controlled bodily contact game with laws that protect the player.

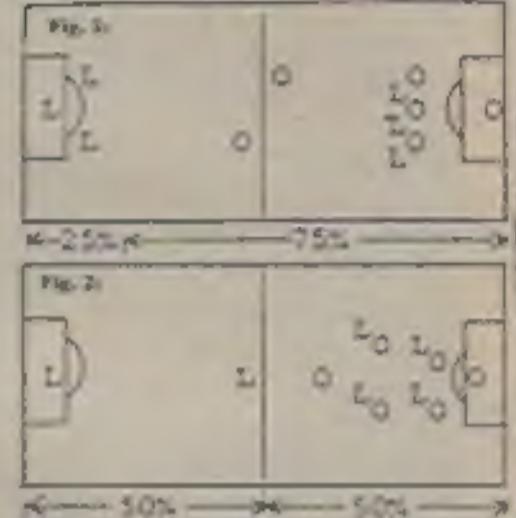
Our attention has been drawn to the current updating of the junior rugby league game to set it new "safety" aspects.

But Sydney Sun rugby league writer and former schoolteacher Roy Masters has spilled the beans on the back page of the issue of March 25 (see headline coming beneath). Parents will be well aware of what lies ahead for the rugby league youngster — a huge contrast with the major safety factor for the world-wide sport of Soccer.

We quote famous Australian International of Yesterday, RED DATE about Soccer: "IT'S STILL THE BEST GAME AROUND BY A MILE!"

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NAME	John Gibson
AGE	17
D.O.B.	10.2.70
HEIGHT	174cm
WEIGHT	69kg
POSITION	Striker/winger
PREVIOUS CLUBS	Belmore, St George, Sydney Olympic
STATE	NSW
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED	U14/U16

NAME	David Neary
AGE	19
D.O.B.	13.3.58
HEIGHT	176cm
WEIGHT	70kg
POSITION	Full-back
PREVIOUS CLUBS	New City
STATE	Victoria
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED	U12 to Youth

AUSTRALIA U18 REP: —  
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —  
OCCUPATION: Student  
OTHER: State baseball representative. John is a quick player who likes to perform as a central striker or on the wing. He is a powerful, busy player who possesses enormous energy and enthusiasm for the game.

AUSTRALIA U16 REP: —  
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —  
OCCUPATION: Credit Union Officer  
OTHER: ASG Scholarships 1985/86. David should make his way into the National Youth team this year. He is tall, defends extremely well and is quite happy when he gets into a forward position. Praters (one back) but is capable in midfield.



**C**ELTIC have made an enquiry about West Ham's Scottish international full-back RAY STEWART. But Hammers boss JOHN LEWIS has made it clear he isn't selling.



## DRUG SHOCK!

Drug abuse is getting out of hand in South American football!

That is the shock accusation made by Paraguay's World Cup star Julio Cesar Sosa.

The man the fans call 'Romero', playing for Brazilian club Fluminense, makes his claim at the same time as the Argentine PFA's circular to all their members, warning them of the dangers of all kinds of drugs, both sports-oriented and social.

But it's the fears expressed by 'Romero' that threaten to stir up a helmet's nest in Rio.

Many Brazilian players take drugs before matches," he says. "This is a sad reality. I know what I am talking about."

Expect a massive investigation to follow.



## Belanov won't quit

**E**nglish footballers of the Tsar Igor Belanov knows he has no desire to leave Dynamo Kiev and seek a lucrative National elsewhere in Europe.

Only four Soviet players have been allowed to leave their country for the West, but Belanov's International Drag Blatnik has been given permission to play in Hungary next season.

Belanov, a 26-year-old physical education professor, has been approached by Bayern Munich plus a host of Italian and Dutch clubs, but he refuses to cash in on his over-rated face.

"Because I've never really

considered leaving Kiev, and why should I? They are the strongest team in Europe. I consider myself European now and my international record is my guarantee."



**B**IRMINGHAM want to sign a goalkeeper and a midfield player before next Thursday's transfer deadline. Top of JOHN STONES' wanted list is West Ham's GUY PRICE.

**S**ADDICKS' new home arrived yesterday to make Sir Cheltenham's Lambs Lawrence to take another International Home AND LEAGUE version.



## KEN ISN'T TOO KEEN ON THE COLD TIMES

**A**UCKLAND'S KENNY HARLOCK found it terribly hard to cope with the minus temperatures during his three month stay with Blackpool.

The temperatures was disbelief and considerably like Liverpool by the record blizzard in the winds down in off the icy Irish sea.

But for Harlock that was the only low point of his stay at the third division club where he trained with the professional staff of the famous old wounded.

Harlock will remember his trip of a lifetime for the rest he made to the Senior academy of Anfield with Blackpool's youth team.

"We toured the whole country and I had a chat with Joe Fagan, who is still as much high octane there," said the young High school student.

Another highlight was the descended training at Blackpool that watched from Monday to Friday.

Harlock returned to his West Auckland club shaper and mentor.

Says his coach Keith Pritchett: "Kenny's touch is better. I hope he doesn't lose it now that his training is less intense."

Blackpool in fact have asked the youngster to keep as coach. He may well return to Burslem Road during the 1982-83 season.

## UP TO DATE

### ARSENAL WINS ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

**A**rsenal, inspired by two goals from Scottish striker Charlie Nicholas, won the English League Cup for the first time when they beat Liverpool 2-1 at Wembley — ending one of the most amazing sequences in world football.

A goal down to a typical Ian Rush assist after 19 minutes, the North Londoner soon fought back to win.

Nicholas was in great form and travelled after 21 minutes before snatching the second successive trophy from Rush.

It was the first time that the ex-Chelsea man, who joins Italy's Juventus at the end of the season, has scored for Liverpool and finished as the leading goal-scorer.

Despite taking the lead and dominating the early stages of such half, League champion Liverpool never fully subdued Arsenal's spirit.

Only Arsenal's Paul Davis and Liverpool's Jon McDivitt, on patches, were able to improve the competitive but tedious struggle.

Scoring chances were at a premium on what seemed a perfect surface for open play.

Nicholas, however, was able to enjoy a rare chance of his career. Rush in the slowdown between the two strikers, leaving Rush to judge from his best Wembley opportunity for Liverpool with his head down.

It was the first defeat he had suffered in 142 scoring games for Liverpool — making a sequence of 122 wins and 22 draws.

The Welshman's goal, grabbed by red flares in the corners, was superbly constructed and taken.

Rush began in an midfield and finished in after great work from McDivitt and Steve McMahon.

Nicholas enjoyed Arsenal's equaliser after an exciting goalmouth scramble.

Arsenal had to wait extra when Nicholas took a shot with a free kick that which deflected off Peter Whittingham.

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## SAVED — by the ball-boy

**B**razil has a new star — a ball-boy who interrupted a Third Division match by rushing on to the pitch to kick a goalbound shot off the line of his favourite team.

After considerable confusion a drop ball was awarded from which no goal resulted and, in a subsequent television interview, the boy was asked why he did it.

"We were losing 3-0 and I couldn't bear the shame of a 4-0 thumping," he explained.

"Then the interviewer asked the boy why he didn't just pick up the ball. 'What... and give away a penalty?'



## U.K. SOCCER SCENE



### COUSIN

Tottenham goal king CLIVE ALLEN believes that one of the reasons for his increasing success this season has been the form of cousin PAUL ALLEN.

Says Clive: "Paul deserves more credit than he gets. Because he is so quick, he is getting past opponents and setting me up with excellent crosses."

"I wouldn't have scored so many times without him."

## WHITESIDE IS A HARD MAN

MANCHESTER UNITED's NORMAN WHITESIDE plays his football very hard but fairly.

The player since Nobby Stiles has arrived as coach, admits, is the Northern Ireland international.

In the 22-year-old, a forward along what was the best to immediately appointment? No.

Whiteside is the type of player who goes in where it hurts and has never shirked a challenge.

It's true and agrees, over, but fair. A player like that can keep his

temperament when tested.

No wonder what Whiteside's fiery style and determination will keep the United young over just how far his brand-of-aggression is.

Positively full marks person who can battle with everything they've got. It's a man's game and Northern Whiteside certainly plays it that way. Long may it stay that way.

One man that is under no illusions about Whiteside's capabilities is his United captain Bryan Robson.

"Norman is one United player who never fails to deliver the goods in his mid-field battles."

"He was our outstanding player in our 1985 Wembley win. Northern Whiteside has an iron-clad approach to the toughest matches and he has been our best player this season and fit is the man United fans look to for something special."

NOW IT CAN  
BE TOLD...



## £5,000 for Woodcock

**T**ONY Woodcock won through last season showing the form that made him one of England's top strikers. He was in such a rut at Nottingham Forest that one club could have had him for a guinea ( £1,000).

Graham Taylor was one of the few managers who showed an interest and was close to signing him... for Luton City.

Woodcock joined Forest from school in 1972 and made his debut within two years against Aston Villa.

But manager Alan Brown was so bad and Woodcock's career stalled with the arrival of new boss Brian Clough.

Graham Taylor recalls: "Tony came to us as a dream."

"We played him in the first team against Bradford and he was outstanding."

The loan spell finished with afterwards and he went back to Forest. But he went on another loan spell, this time to Doncaster.

Manager Peter Taylor had joined Brian Clough team Brighton and when Linfield made their bid they were told that there would be no outgoing transfers until Taylor had held a review of the playing staff.

Peter Taylor advised Clough to give Woodcock a prolonged run and the player responded by netting 11 goals in 30 games as Forest surged to promotion.

After helping Forest win the League and European Cup, Tony joined Cologne for £250,000 and then moved to Arsenal for £300,000. But had progress for a player who was once up for grabs for just £1,000?

## Cooper gets tough

A STORM will hit man NEALE COOPER—22, a disciplinary problem after seven First Division games—but the former international started training "without a hitch".

"The whole season must be training to give everything," says the former American star. "We have to adopt the same attitude at Newcastle that all four set for each other."

## United chase Leeds ace

MANCHESTER United and Chelsea are both keeping tabs on Leeds' 22-year-old midfield star JOHN SHERIDAN.

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Manager BILLY BARKER rates Sheridan in the £50,000 class, and that's way beyond the usual price these First Division giants are thinking of.

## Target McCall

BRADFORD mid-field star STUART MCCALL is wanted by Celtic.

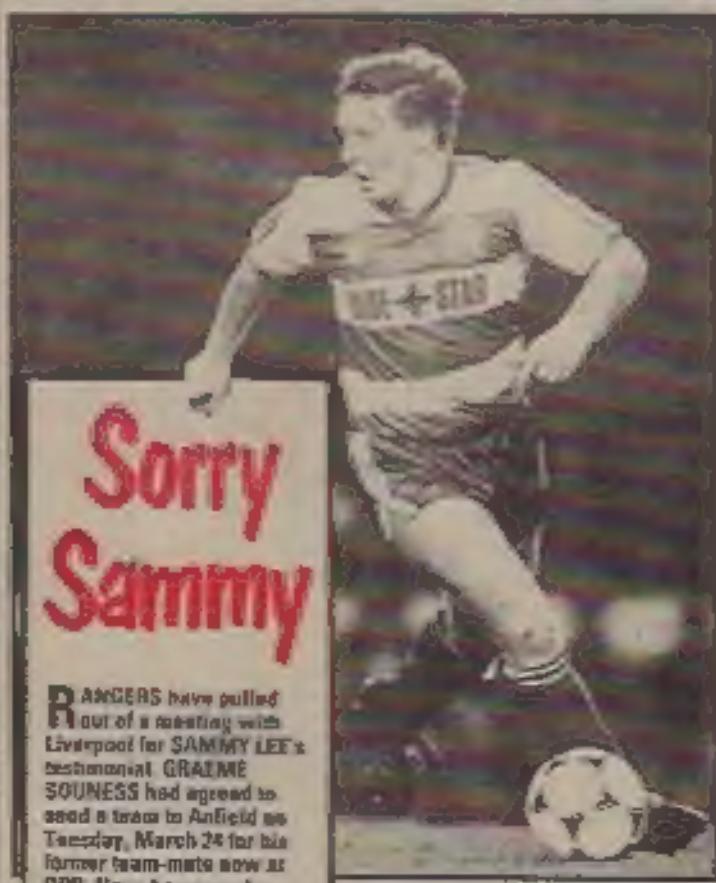
The 22-year-old Yorkshirian, who once turned down England's Under-21s in order to play for Scotland, has emerged as DAVID HAY's number-one target.

The Celtic boss is concerned by the lack of goals from his mid-field quartet this season and wants McCall to supplement the strikes of MIKE JOHNSTON and SEAN McCARTHY.

THE JOY OF SCORING

## Sorry Sammy

RANGERS have pulled out of a meeting with Liverpool for SAMMY LEE's testimonial. GRAEME SOUNESS had agreed to seed a team to Anfield on Tuesday, March 24 for his former team-mate now at QPR. Now, however, he wants his players to stay at home and concentrate on the battle for the Premier League Championship.



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